

APPENDIX 8 (SUPPORT of RESIDENTS in QUARANTINE AREAS) to ANNEX W

1. The WVEOP with Annexes includes the broad guidelines for relief support for residents of West Virginia in the event of disasters. Those guidelines remain in effect.
2. This Appendix establishes specific guidelines for support of residents of quarantine areas once a quarantine is established by the Commissioner of Agriculture. Any incident involving highly contagious animal and poultry diseases present a risk of transmission of the disease by personnel working in the area.
3. Due to the risk of inadvertant spread of these diseases, volunteer agency support to residents living within a designated quarantine zone will be limited to delivery of food, clothing, supplies, medicines, etc. to the JOC for further transportation to the final destination.
4. Medical evacuation of personnel from within the quarantine area will require disinfection and decontamination under the direction of the WV Department of Agriculture or the USDA. Such guidelines will be published within the JOC based on the disease involved in the quarantine area upon establishment of the JOC. The West Virginia Office of Emergency Medical Services will coordinate all medical evacuations using personnel and equipment from the West Virginia National Guard and local Emergency Medical Services agencies after the patient has been decontaminated.
5. The Department of Health and Human Resources will provide behavioral health response to persons living in the quarantine area as stated in Annex W.
6. Emergencies shall be considered relative to the severity of the specific situation.
7. The West Virginia Army National Guard will provide potable water support to the quarantine area via 400 gallon water trailer, as needed.
8. Mail delivery to residents of quarantine areas will be continued, as practical. The Commissioner of Agriculture will establish guidelines for packaging and safeguarding mail articles addressed to residents of quarantined areas.